

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 154C.4, the Board of Social Work hereby amends Chapter 280, "Licensure of Social Workers," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment removes the requirement for the Board to send renewal notices by regular mail to licensees.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9750B** on September 21, 2011. A public hearing was held on October 17, 2011, in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. Public comment was received in opposition to the amendment. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154C and 272C.

This amendment will become effective February 1, 2012.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 280.9(1) as follows:

**280.9(1)** The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice social work shall begin on January 1 of odd-numbered years and end on December 31 of the next even-numbered year. Every licensee shall renew on a biennial basis. ~~The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.~~ The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

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